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Letter dated 19 March 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan, in cooperation with the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, hosted a workshop entitled "The Contribution of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) to Regional and Global Disarmament and Non-Proliferation", on 11 and 12 March in Astana. In view of the tenth anniversary of the adoption of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004), the workshop was devoted to assessing the current status of the resolution's implementation, as well as the way forward in achieving its objectives.

Delegations from more than 30 countries in Central Asia and seven international organizations participated in the workshop.

As the Chair of this workshop, the Government of Kazakhstan has taken note of the following issues, which were raised during the proceedings:

- Next to the multilateral treaties to eliminate, or prevent the proliferation of, nuclear, chemical or biological weapons, Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) plays a pivotal role in the current global security and non-proliferation architecture;
- Since the adoption of resolution 1540 (2004) in 2004, the national and regional implementation efforts have led to significant progress towards the full and effective implementation of its key requirements;
- The tenth anniversary of the adoption of resolution 1540 (2004) presents a unique opportunity for all relevant stakeholders to promote its effective and universal implementation based on effective national measures supported by strong international and regional cooperation;
- International and regional cooperation among States is an important instrument in achieving the key objectives of the resolution, and enhanced cooperation within the framework of the resolution should continue to be promoted and strengthened;
- The role of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) is crucial in supporting the national, regional and international efforts to implement key requirements of resolution 1540 (2004);

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- The indispensable role of relevant international, regional and subregional organizations in promoting and facilitating 1540 implementation efforts by their respective Member States is recognized;
- In order to implement resolution 1540 (2004) effectively, States that have requests for assistance are encouraged to convey them to the 1540 Committee. States and relevant international, regional and subregional organizations that are able to provide assistance are encouraged to do so with the support of the 1540 Committee;
- Efforts to build synergies with key stakeholders, including States, international, regional and subregional organizations and, where relevant, civil society and industry, in support of national and international 1540 implementation are important;
- Progress towards achieving the objectives of the Nuclear Security Summits process is a significant contribution to the implementation of a number of key requirements of resolution 1540 (2004).

I would be grateful if you could have the present letter circulated to all Member States as a document of the Security Council.

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